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Research Interests

Evaluation of services for veterans with serious mental illness

Treatment effectiveness for adults with serious mental illness

Functional impairment of substance abusers and adults with serious mental illness

Geriatric health: alcohol use and physical and mental health functioning

Alcohol problem detection/intervention in ambulatory care settings

Current VA Research

Psychosis Registry: tracking access and service use of all veterans with psychosis

VA HSR&D: A Smoking, Alcohol, and Depression Intervention for Head and Neck Cancer

VA HSR&D: Determinants of Treatment Retention for Veterans with Psychoses

VA HSR&D: Improving Antipsychotic Adherence Among Patients with Schizophrenia

Recent VA Reports & Publications

Care for Veterans with Psychosis in the VHA, FY02

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Other Current Research/Funded

NIAAA: Tailored Alcohol Messages in the Emergency Department

NIAAA: Preventing Harm from Alcohol Use in Older Adults

Flinn Family Foundation: Screening and Brief Intervention for Patients with Major Mental Illnesses and At-Risk Drinking

Recent Peer Reviewed Publications

Health care utilization by older alcohol-using veterans: effects of a brief intervention to reduce at-risk drinking. Health Educ Behav, 30(3), 305-321, 2003.

Effect of strengths model versus assertive community treatment model on participant outcomes and utilization: two-year follow-up. Psychiatr Rehab J, 26(3):268-77, 2003.

Randomized controlled trial of an emergency department-based interactive computer program to prevent alcohol misuse among injured adolescents. Acad Emerg Med, 10(5):514-515,

Health care costs of seriously mentally ill patients enrolled in enhanced treatment programs. Am J Orthopsychiatry (in press).

Racial disparity in the use of atypical antipsychotic medications among veterans. Am J Psychiatry. (in press).

The prevalence of at-risk drinking among patients presenting to the emergency department with occupational injury. Acad Emerg Med. (in press).

Education & Experience

Director, SMITREC 1995 - Present

1999 - Present Associate Professor and Senior Associate Research Scientist,

Department of Psychiatry, University of Michigan	
Research Director, University of Michigan Alcohol Research Center	1988-1995
Associate Director, Biometrics Division, Dept. of Psychiatry, Univ. of Michigan	1987-1992
Research Director, University of Michigan Alcohol Program, Dept. of Psychiatry	1986-1990
Ph.D., Human Development, Pennsylvania State University	1983
M.A., Psychology, University of Maine	1979